

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

## 2009 REGULAR SESSION

The following bill was reported to the Senate from the House and ordered to be printed.

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## AN ACT relating to veterans' affairs.

## Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

- Section 1. KRS 40.305 is amended to read as follows:
- 2 (1) There is created a board to be known as the Governor's Advisory Board for
- Veterans' Affairs, which shall be attached to the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- 4 (2) The board shall be composed of the following:
- 5 (a) Seven (7) members appointed by the Governor;
- 6 (b) The executive director of the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs; and
- 7 (c) The adjutant general of the Commonwealth.
- 8 (3) All board members appointed by the Governor shall serve until their successors are
- appointed, and all appointments shall be for three (3) years. It is further provided
- that the appointments shall be veterans with service during time of war or hostilities
- wherein American troops were engaged in conflict with an armed enemy. If
- practicable, the Governor, in making appointments to the board, shall give due
- consideration to a fair representation on the board of nationally recognized veterans'
- organizations active in Kentucky, based on size of the membership of such
- organizations in this state. The state headquarters of each major veterans'
- organization may, from time to time, submit a list of not more than three (3) names
- to the Governor from which list original appointments may be made and vacancies
- filled in his discretion.
- 19 (4) Members of the board shall meet at least quarterly once every two (2) months at
- 20 the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and at such other times as the chairman may
- designate, and the members shall decide as to the specific meeting date.
- 22 (5) Members of the board shall be paid for the actual expenses incurred upon
- 23 attendance of meetings of the board subject to the Finance and Administration
- 24 Cabinet regulations.
- 25 (6) At its first meeting the members of the board shall select a chairman, vice chairman,

- and secretary from among the appointed members.
- 2 (7) The Department of Veterans' Affairs shall provide administrative support to the
- 3 board.
- 4 (8) The board shall advise the commissioner of the Department of Veterans' Affairs and
- 5 the Governor on the administration of veterans' services programs.
- 6 (9) The commissioner shall advise the Governor on matters relating to veterans' affairs.
- 7 (10) The commissioner and the board shall advise the General Assembly on matters
- 8 relating to veterans' affairs and the administration of veterans' services programs.

Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Attest:

Date